

REMARKS

The application has been amended to distinguish the claimed invention over the prior art of record, and to place the application as a whole into *prima facie* condition for allowance at this time. Care has been taken to avoid the introduction of any new subject matter into the application as a result of the foregoing amendments.

Applicant again acknowledges with appreciation, the Examiner's indication that all of the claims of the application now appear to be allowable, subject to the amendments to the claims herein.

During the aforementioned telephonic conference of on or about June 15, 2006, the Examiner stated that independent claims 13 and 26, in particular, still did not define over the previously-cited *Hill* '536 reference. However, the addition of the limitation of a further laterally extending permanent seal was discussed, and tentatively agreed that the addition of such a limitation, as set forth hereinabove (and as set forth in the set of proposed amendments to the claims previously sent to the Examiner), should distinguish over the *Hill* '536 reference. In response to the Examiner's indication of allowability, Applicant is submitting herewith the present Second Supplemental Amendment and Communication, wherein independent claims 13 and 26 have been so accordingly amended.


In view of the Examiner's indication of allowability mentioned above, Applicant respectfully submits that all bases for rejection of the claims have now been overcome, and that the application is now in *prima facie* condition for allowance at this time. Reconsideration and withdrawal of any outstanding bases for rejection of the claims, and allowance of independent claims 13 and 26 specifically, are respectfully solicited.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application as a whole, including all of claims 6 - 8, 11 - 13, 19 - 22, 24, and 25 - 28, are in *prima facie* condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance of the application as a whole are respectfully solicited.

Should anything further be required, a telephone call to the undersigned, at (312) 456-8400, is respectfully invited.

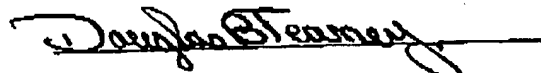
Respectfully submitted,
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CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this SECOND SUPPLEMENTARY AMENDMENT AND COMMUNICATION is being deposited with the United States Postal Service via facsimile transmission, to the attention of Examiner Jerrold Johnson, Art Unit 3728, at fax number 571-273-7141, on July 10, 2006.


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